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Letter dated 14 March 1994 from the Permanent Representative of Pakistan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

In my capacity as Chairman of the Organization of the Islamic Conference (OIC) Group in New York, I have the honour to transmit herewith the text of a statement adopted by the Group on 16 February 1994 concerning the situation in Afghanistan.

I should be grateful if this letter and its annex could be circulated as an official document of the General Assembly, under item 37 (b) of the preliminary list, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Jamsheed K. A. MARKER
Ambassador and Permanent Representative

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ANNEX

Statement on the situation in Afghanistan, adopted by the Organization of the Islamic Conference Group in New York on 16 February 1994

1. The OIC Group in New York met on 16 February 1994, at the ambassadorial level at United Nations Headquarters, at the request of the delegation of the Islamic State of Afghanistan. The Permanent Representative of Afghanistan briefed the meeting about the recent incidents at Kabul and in some other provinces of Afghanistan.

2. The meeting reaffirmed the earlier resolutions of the OIC and recalled the recent appeal made by the Secretary General of the Organization of the Islamic Conference at Islamabad on 9 February 1994 to the Afghan leaders for a cease-fire and an early peaceful settlement to enable the Afghan people to choose freely their own form of government. In this connection, the meeting expressed appreciation to the Secretary General of OIC for his recent visit to Pakistan, where he held meetings with the Afghan leaders and their representatives in an effort to bring peace and tranquillity to the war-torn city of Kabul and other parts of Afghanistan.

3. The meeting expressed support for the ongoing efforts of the Secretary General of OIC and his Special Representative to bring about an immediate cease-fire, including in Kabul, through increased contacts with all parties to the conflict. The meeting also expressed support for the efforts of the Secretary General to establish contacts with all parties, including those who are not involved in the conflict, for the establishment of a broad-based National Conciliation Government, where all the factions of the Afghan people will be represented.

4. The meeting called for an immediate cease-fire and the start of negotiations to find an early and lasting solution to the fighting that has caused the loss of hundreds of innocent lives, injured thousands and destroyed property. The meeting recalled the principle of non-interference and reaffirmed Afghanistan's sovereignty, territorial integrity and political independence.

5. The meeting recalled General Assembly resolution 48/208 of 21 December 1993, in which the Secretary-General was requested to expedite the dispatch of a United Nations special mission to Afghanistan to assist in bringing about a national rapprochement that would lead to peace and reconstruction in the war-stricken country.